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Mayor Schor Signs Executive Order to Adopt City of Lansing Public Art Policy

Mayor's Arts and Culture Commission to Spearhead Public Art Efforts

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor today signed an Executive Order to adopt the City of Lansing Public Art Policy and Guidelines proposed by the Mayor's Arts and Culture Commission (MAACC). The City of Lansing has had a Public Art Policy since the Resolution was adopted by City Council in 2014, however, this Executive Order will further strengthen and clarify the policy. By establishing this Public Art Policy, the City of Lansing joins cities around the country that have improved their appearance and appeal through placement of art in gathering places, such as parks, buildings, plazas and pedestrian and vehicular access paths.

"Public art is a very important part of showing the excitement and vibrancy of a community. Strengthening the Lansing Public Art Policy and having our Arts Commission involved with the process will make sure that Lansing can showcase our talented artists and their incredible creations. Whether we have murals, rainbow crosswalks, statues, or any other public art, they all show off Lansing and will make people want to visit and live in this great community," said Mayor Schor.

The City of Lansing's Public Art Program will help promote diverse visual art throughout the City, enrich the quality of life for the community and the region by creating exciting, appealing and harmonious public spaces, enhance the City's image locally, regionally, nationally and more.

Ideas and proposals will be referred to the MAACC and will then go through the appropriate approval process before final recommendations are submitted to the Mayor. Any recommended projects or changes that occur within a City of Lansing park will also be referred to the Lansing Parks Board for review and recommendation to the Mayor. Any recommended projects or changes that occur in a publicly owned space in the City of Lansing will also be referred to the Lansing Public Service Board for review and recommendation to the Mayor.

“The volunteers that make up the Mayor’s Arts and Culture Commission have been working very hard, and I commend them for all of the hard work and time that they have spent to develop these Public Art and Policy Guidelines,” said Mayor Schor.

The MAACC has been designated to develop future guidelines to implement the provisions of the Public Art Policy. All recommendations are subject to the Mayor’s approval.

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